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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the use of a retinoic acid antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of Barrett's oesophagus (Barrett's mucosa). Furthermore, the invention relates to use of a retinoic acid antagonist in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prevention of ectopic development of columnar epithelium, use of such an antagonist in the conversion of columnar epithelium to squamous epithelium, in the induction or maintenance of squamous epithelium, and in the reduction of proliferation of ectopic columnar epithelium. Preferably the retinoic acid antagonist is an aldehyde dehydrogenase inhibitor such as a competitive inhibitor. Preferably the antagonist is citral.



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